

NIRB File No.: 12EN006 AANDC File No: N2012C0002

March 9, 2012

Michael Carr, President Bitterroot Resources Ltd. Suite 206-B, 1571 Bellevue Avenue West Vancouver, BC V7V 1A6

Via email: mscarr@telus.net

Re: <u>Application Acknowledgement and Additional Information Required for Bitterroot</u> Resources Ltd.'s "Windy Property Exploration" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Carr:

On December 21, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Bitterroot Resources Ltd. (Bitterroot) "Windy Property Exploration" project proposal from your office. A Type B water licence application was forwarded to the NIRB from the Nunavut Water Board on February 2, 2012 and a Class A Land Use Permit application was received from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada on February 16, 2012. On February 15, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 12EN006. All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal include:

- NIRB Part 1 Form and Part 2 PSIR Form in English
- *NWB Application*
- *AANDC Application*
- Maps
- Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut
- NPC Conformity Determination
- Waste Management Plan
- Spill Prevention Plan

The NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and finds that your project proposal does *not* contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. During a conference call held on March 8, 2012, Bitterroot provided additional clarification to the NIRB regarding project components and other considerations made in the application process. As a result of this call, an additional list of information requirements has been provided to update the application information as initially submitted for the Board's consideration. Specifically, the NIRB is requesting submission of the following information by **March 21, 2012**.

- Letter from owner/operator of Treeline Lodge in Manitoba providing Bitterroot Resources Ltd. with permission to operate out of the facility, including the following activities:
  - Employee housing
  - Fuel purchase and storage
  - Backhaul of project wastes to Treeline Lodge
- $\circ$  *Map*(s) showing the locations of aerial surveys;
- Details regarding the frequency, altitude, and timing (seasonal or otherwise) of aerial flight surveys;
- Mitigation measures and/or plans to address potential impacts of aerial flight survey activities;
- o Map showing general locations of drill sites and/or areas of drill targets;
- o Details regarding approximate numbers of drill holes and depths drilled;
- Clarification regarding fuel cache locations (i.e. Treeline Lodge versus potential camp site(s) to be established throughout the claim block);
- Clarification regarding the intended use of secondary containment as it pertains to all proposed fuel caches; and
- O Clarification regarding references to fuel storage in the camp, specifically would that be in the future camp proposed on the lease, or the Treeline Lodge as referenced in the Spill Prevention Plan.

Please forward all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 867-983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Tara Arko

**Technical Advisor** 

Nunavut Impact Review Board

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